



# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit—Protection  
of Web Systems, DOT  
Project Number: 02F3002F000

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Reply To

Attn Of:

To: Chief Information Officer, DOT

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating an audit of all Department of Transportation (DOT) web systems connected to the DOT homepage, including specific web sites within the Operating Administrations. The audit will be conducted with automated scanning tools.

The objective of this audit is to determine whether DOT has adequate web security and privacy protection. We also will examine the contents of selected web sites to ensure no information sensitive to homeland security or privacy protection is included. Specifically, we will determine whether DOT's public web sites are (1) adequately secured to reduce the risk of being attacked and are equipped to detect and report abnormal activities or incidents, (2) properly configured to protect the public's privacy when visiting DOT sites, and (3) free of sensitive information.

We will contact your audit liaison to establish an entrance conference to discuss the audit. The Program Director for the audit is Rebecca Leng and the Project Manager is Ping Sun. If you have questions, please call Rebecca Leng or Ping Sun at 366-1496.

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cc: Under Secretary of Transportation for Security  
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